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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Kei Hagiwara et al.

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Art Unit: 2655

For: OPTICAL DISK DEVICE RECORDING
DATA ON A RECORDABLE OR
REWITABLE OPTICAL DISK BY SETTING
A RECORDING VELOCITY AND A
RECORDING POWER FOR EACH OF
ZONES ON AN OPTICAL DISK

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2004, Applicants elect species "e" covered by Figures 17-24 and claims 24-31.

This election is made with traverse. M.P.E.P. § 803 provides as follows: "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." Applicants respectfully submit that other claims in this case can be examined together with claims 24-31 without "serious burden."

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Favorable action on the application is solicited.

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